

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-17, 19, 20, 29-33, 35, 36, 45-47, 51-53, 57, 59, 61, 63 and 64 are pending in the present application. Independent claims 13, 29 and 61 have been amended by the present amendment.

Applicants thank the Examiner for discussing this application with Applicants' representative on January 24, 2007. During the discussion, the differences between the applied art and the present invention were discussed. No agreement was reached pending the Examiner's further review when the response is filed. Comments presented during the discussion are reiterated below.

First, it is respectfully noted the above-noted independent claims have been amended to remove the phrase "wherein the video apparatus and the disc device are separated from each other and are operated separately from each other." Therefore, the previous rejection to claims 13, 29, 37 and 61 under 35 U.S.C § 112, first paragraph is moot.

In addition, as explained in the previous response filed on December 13, 2006, independent claim 13 has been amended to clarify that the first menu page is provided from a memory of the video apparatus and the new menu page is supplied from the recording medium. Independent claims 29 and 61 includes similar features in a varying scope.

These features are supported at least by Figures 2 and 5 of the present application. For example, Figure 2A illustrates the first menu page being provided from a memory of the video apparatus and including first type menu items associated with functions or operations of the disc

device (e.g., play, stop, pause) and a second type menu item (the menu option) for requesting a new menu page that is supplied from the recording medium. As shown in Figure 5A, when the user selects the menu option (the second type menu item), the menu screen selected from the menu image data received from the recording medium of the disc device is displayed as shown in Figure 5B. Thus, in accordance with the present invention, the first menu page is provided from a memory of the video apparatus (e.g., the digital television) and the new menu page is provided from the recording medium included in the disc device.

On the contrary, Setogawa et al. is merely directed to storing operations on a DVD in which the stored operations are then used to control all information on the DVD as displayed. Setogawa et al. does not teach or suggest any information about displaying functions for controlling a DVD player on a digital TV. That is, Setogawa et al. is not related to controlling a DVD player via a separate video apparatus. Further, Na et al. describes in column 7, lines 35-40, that the interface manager of the D-TV is providing commands from a user through the remote controller. Thus, in Na et al., the D-TV is not providing a menu page but is merely relaying specific commands. Thus, Na et al. does not teach or suggest a first menu page being provided from a memory of a video apparatus in which the first menu page includes first menu items associated with controlling the disc device and a second type menu item or requesting a new menu page that is supplied from the recording medium.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent claims 13, 29 and 61 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

CONCLUSION

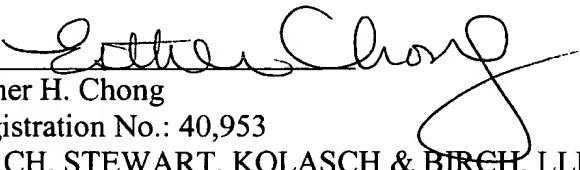
For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and earnestly solicit an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau (Registration No. 42,325) at (703) 205-8072, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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